(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Schemes/Projects involving an outlay of Rs. 222.70 crores have been included in the Tenth Plan of Paradip Port Trust. The major schemes/projects are given below:

(i) Mechanised Coal Handling Plant (spill over)

(ii) Deepening of Channel

(iii) Incorporation of second stream at Iron Ore Handling Plant

(iv) Replacement of Wharf Crane

(v) Construction of Lighterage Berth

(vi) Extension of Break Water

(vii) Construction of Oil Berth (spill over)

(viii) Upgradation of Power Distribution (spill over)

(ix) Construction of Concrete Road (spill over); and

(x) Installation of modern fire fighting systems.

Potentiality of Inland Waterways Transport of India

1197. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the potentiality of Inland Waterways Transport of India;

(b) the percentage of potentiality so far utilised; and

(c) the policies of Government to exploit 100 per cent of the potentiality?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI DILIP KUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI): (a) According to National Transport Policy Committee Report (1980) navigable waterways of the country extend for about 14,500 km.

(b) The length of three waterways declared so far as national waterways is 2716 km. which is 18.7% of the above.

(c) Three Waterways namely the Ganga from Haldia to Allahabad,

the Brahmaputra from Dhubri to Sadiya and the West Coast Canal from Kottapuram to Kollam along with Champakara and Udyogmandal Canals have been declared as National Waterways and are being developed by the Government for the purpose of shipping and navigation. Basic infrastructural facilities such as navigational channels, terminals and navigational aids are being maintained. Techno-economic feasibility studies of some more waterways have been conducted with a view to assessing their potential for development and declaration as National Waterways. The Waterways other than the National Waterways can be developed by the respective State Governments for which assistance is provided by the Central Government under Centrally Sponsored Scheme. With a view to accelerate development of Inland Water Transport (IWT) and to involve private sector participation, an Inland Water Transport Policy has been approved by the Government which includes some policy measures and fiscal concessions to encourage private sector.

Reservation of jobs for disabled persons in private and public sector

1198. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in 1995, the Parliament passed the Disability Act to provide *inter alia* for the reservation of jobs for the disabled persons in the private and public sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the provisions of the law have been implemented and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) to (d) The Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 provides for 3% reservation in employment in the establishment of Government of India and Public Sector Undertakings against posts identified as suitable for persons with disabilities. As per information provided by Department of Personnel & Training (DOPT) in March, 2001, the status of reservation for persons with disabilities in